

### **REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The non-final Office Action dated April 29, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3 and 4, added new claims 21 and 22, and cancelled claims 6-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-5 and 21-22 are pending in this application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 163,356, issued to Song et al. (hereafter "Song"). Applicants traverse the rejection because Song fails to teach or suggest each of the features recited in the claims of the present application. In particular, Song fails to teach or suggest, for example, a liquid crystal display "wherein the gate pad electrode is formed of a single layer directly on top of the first insulating layer", as recited in amended independent claim 1. Applicants respectfully note that the 'gate pad electrode' of Song includes multiple layers, i.e., 115, 115a and 115b.

Since Song fails to teach or suggest a gate pad electrode formed of a single layer, as required in independent claim 1, claim 1 and its dependent claim 2 are patentable over Song. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 are requested.

Claims 1-5 are rejected by the Examiner under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants traverse the rejection because claims 1-5 of this application are subject of an Election/Restriction Requirement issued in Paper 6 which clearly identified claims 1-5 of the present application as Group I and distinct from Group II containing claim 6-20 of U.S. Patent No. 10/246,673. Further, Applicants have cancelled claims 6-20 from the present application. As such, Applicants submit the double patenting rejection is inappropriate. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.


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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. According, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136 for an extension. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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